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U.S. Utility Patent Application

Application No. 10/084,503; Filed: February 28, 2002

Efficient Excitation Quantization in a Noise Feedback Coding System **Using Correlation Techniques**

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- 1. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$300.00 to cover the \$180.00 IDS fee and the \$120.00 one month extension of time fee;
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